

# THE SHERPA SENTINEL

## 10th Brigade Support Battalion

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### The Liquids Platoon

The Liquids Platoon of Alpha Company, 10<sup>th</sup> BSB has been busy during the first month at Camp Liberty. It is officially the Fuel and Water Platoon, but it is known as the Liquids Platoon. After completing a successful transfer of authority from the 199<sup>th</sup> Forward Support Battalion, the 28 Soldiers have worked diligently to improve their work area and to accomplish their mission. The primary mission of the platoon is to operate a 24-hour retail fuel point and to provide fuel to unit generators around Camp Liberty. A few Soldiers have also been on convoys to surrounding Forward Operating Bases providing fuel and water support to both US and Iraqi Soldiers.

Platoon Leader and Platoon Sergeant, 2LT Clayton Burns and SFC William Quimbayo, are thrilled about the effort that their Soldiers are putting forth in all the missions tasked to them. When asked about morale of his Soldiers, 2LT Burns replied, "Our Soldiers' attitude and spirits are very positive right now, we are prepared to go anywhere in Baghdad to provide support for our guys out on the FOBs."

The Liquids Platoon has made some major site improvements to their Fuel Point. POL Section Sergeant, SGT Aaron Slater, commented that "everything at the fuel point is just about where we want it but we can always keep making improvements."



**SPC Carrasco, SPC Tuper, SPC Jensen, and PFC Moretti show off the newly renovated bunker that provides force protection at the fuel site**

The Soldiers are preparing the work area to install a 20,000 gallon Fuel System Supply Point (FSSP) in the near future. This new system will increase the capacity of total fuel at the point and will allow the HEMMT fuel trucks to be placed on standby in case an emergency resupply is needed somewhere.

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### LTC Marty Wagner

A hearty HOOAH from Camp Liberty, Iraq! As the fall approaches, we know that the change in seasons back in New York, Maine, Iowa, and Washington State must be spectacular. However, the change in seasons here in Iraq is pretty spectacular as well....our daily high temperature has dropped from the low hundreds to the high nineties!!! (Just a little humor)

Our Soldiers are doing fantastic!! Everyday they set extremely high standards for every mission they execute. They are warriors, focused professionals and are coming

### Commander's Corner

together as a cohesive team. The battalion is currently focused on supporting the Iraqi Constitutional Referendum (a key step to Iraq emerging as a democratic nation) by providing supply support, transportation and a large amount of barriers to ensure polling sites are secure.

In addition to taking the mission and making it our own: we have promoted many deserving Soldiers and Non-Commissioned Officers; awarded several Combat Action Badges (Log Warriors making it happen!); and re-enlisted a large number of the best and brightest that America has to offer. We thank all of these Soldiers for their duty and commitment to their Nation, to the Army and to the Sherpa team!

To the team at home, thanks for coming together as a family and supporting our Soldiers. I know that your words of support and

encouragement by telephone, email and mail make a difference, everyday in the lives of our Soldiers. They are prepared to execute every mission because of your love and support. Rear Detachment, thanks for preparing our late deploying soldiers! We are actually receiving them as I write this letter. They are prepared and ready to join the team because of your efforts.

In closing, I want to thank the whole Sherpa team for doing their part for helping us accomplish our mission and take care of our Soldiers. It is a high honor and privilege to command this extraordinary outfit and to serve you all!

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***Sherpa Pride!!***

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### Command Sergeant Major's Corner



### CSM Victor Cozart

Hooah, kicking dust in the sand, well another great month has passed and everything has been great. What can I say, but these are some of the best Warriors around. Any mission that is out there for them has been completed, without any questions asked and to the standard. The CSE Platoon consisting of soldiers from each Company and various MOSs has done an

outstanding job in support of each mission and hats off to them each time. The BN internet café is finally up and running and I hope that everyone is able to be in contact with each of their loved ones so that communication can continue to flow. With this, each of you on the home front makes each and every day better for the Soldiers and I really appreciate that. There has been a lot of

re-enlistments from each Company that has made the Sherpa family grow and bond even tighter and that shows the cohesion in a well-rounded unit during this time of deployment. Each and everyone of them has the motivation, dedication, and honor to support this great combat team. It's all about the teamwork. Pain is temporary, Pride is forever.

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## HHC—Mountain Tigers

Hello again from Camp Liberty! The past month has been busy as we have assumed the mission and continued to adjust to our new environment. The staff has settled into day and night shifts and is doing an exceptional job keeping us posted on key events and intelligence. Our Convoy Security Element (CSE) has made huge strides in their missions providing security for logistics convoys and we are thankful every time that they return safely to our area.

We are happy to report that we have promoted 15 Soldiers since our last newsletter. Each and every one of these Soldiers has been working hard, regardless of their varied jobs, and truly deserve their promotion. Promotions are not awarded because of past performance, but with the belief that the Soldier has the capability to perform at the next level. With this said, I truly believe that each of these Soldiers are already performing at the next level, as a result of the environment that we are now in. Our Soldiers are working hard every day to adapt and complete their missions in smart and creative ways and we look forward to promoting more deserving

individuals next month.

Before I end this letter, I am going to steal a few lines from the 152<sup>nd</sup> Maintenance Company's September newsletter. Being a unit from Maine, they are used to the cold, just as we are living in the North Country, and had some good tips for the coming winter. Please, remember to check your tires for a good tread to get you through the winter and to keep emergency supplies in the trunk. You can never go wrong with a shovel, jumper cables, a blanket and some salt. If you have a house off post, please ensure that you have your chimney and furnace cleaned prior to the cold setting in. These things may seem like small issues, but they could save your family from an unnecessary fire in the future.

In closing, I would like to thank all of you for your continued support. The Family Readiness Group did a wonderful job of surprising some of our Soldiers who have small children when they sent drawings and pictures that the kids did for their fathers. I delivered them to each Soldier late one night and those drawings made another long day truly worth it! Thank you for thinking of something so unique and thoughtful.

We are getting all kinds of mail now that our zip code is correct and it's amazing how much a postcard or letter can do for someone's morale. Please continue to support your Soldier and to pray for us.

-CPT Williams and 1SG Martens



**CPL Spearman's re-enlistment ceremony on the balcony of Saddam's palace**

**"Our Soldiers are working hard every day to adapt and complete their missions"**

## HHC Congratulates:

- SSG Cole for his promotion to Sergeant First Class
- SPC Hwang, SPC Ruddick, and SPC Smith for their promotion to Sergeant
- PFC Mikel, PFC Padgett, PFC Brown, M.A., PFC Brown, M.T., PFC Heard and PFC Walter for their promotion to Specialist
- PV2 Barrera, PV2 Rincon, and PV2 Steenerson for their promotion to Private First Class
- SPC Gibson, PFC Pigford, SPC Belvin, and CPL Spearman re-enlisted to continue their service in the Army



**Chaplain Wall and the Support**

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### SGT Slater's re-enlistment ceremony



**"The platoon has moved over 1,000 barriers which will prove essential to the security of Iraq's future polling stations"**



**The site of many re-enlistment ceremonies, one of Saddam's old palaces**

### Alpha Company—Apache

1SG and I want to say that the Apaches are conducting many missions in support of 1st Brigade, 10th Mountain Div (LI). The Transportation platoon is working like a dog to support Iraq's constitutional referendum. SSA and ATP are issuing and receiving supplies that continue on a 24 hour basis and never stop. Liquids platoon get there fair share of work cut out for them also. HQ platoon keeps me and the 1SG out of trouble. I have been on several missions with our Apaches to several Forward Operating Bases in Baghdad. The food is great and the housing is the best for combat. I am very proud of the work that everyone has done. Keep up the good work, "Apache 6 out !"

Alpha Company is hard at work ensuring our deployment to Iraq is nothing less than successful. Each platoon that makes up Apache Force plays a critical role in the attainment of this success. Truck Platoon is currently focused on the movement of barriers to the brigade's Forward Operating Bases. To date the platoon has moved over 1,000 barriers which will prove

essential to the security of Iraq's future polling stations. Truck Platoon is also working in conjunction with the SSA transporting new inventory to the warehouse and retrograding unusable equipment.

Speaking of the SSA, the platoon is conducting another 100% inventory of equipment on site in addition to reorganizing its storage yard. The ATP section is busy issuing ammunition to the brigade. The highlights of the month include a visit from Brigadier General O'Neil .

Liquids Platoon is proving to be the most versatile platoon in the company. Each morning the platoon fuels generators around Camp liberty while simultaneously operating the fuel point 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. On top of all that, the platoon has sent successful fuel and water convoys to Forward Operating Bases Constitution, Independence, and Justice.

Despite the company's busy schedule you can be assured that the Truck, SSA, and Liquids Platoons will continue to accomplish the missions that lie ahead at a higher level than any other distribution company in the theater. "Chop Chop Tomahawk"

-2LT Adam Lenzmeier

### A Co Congratulates:

- SGT Slater, SPC Giles, and SPC Tuper re-enlisted at one of Saddam's old palaces



## Bravo Company—Bulldogs



Dear Bulldog Family,

Greetings from Iraq! For the last month, all our Soldiers have been working hard and have gained a great deal of praise from the Battalion and Brigade Commanders. We are well adjusted to our environment and have found a great bunch of Soldiers and friends in the 152nd Maintenance Company. We have combined our efforts with that of the 152nd to cover the maintenance of the vast diversity of military equipment that our great Army uses. As two separate units, we bring a lot of assets to the support of the 1st Brigade Combat Team. As a combined force, there is no job too difficult for us to accomplish.

The temperatures are starting to subside as the seasons change. We are now living with average temperatures around 95-100 degrees. We are constantly improving our work areas and the Bulldog Soldiers are always setting the standard. Morale continues to be high as is evident with five more

reenlistments this month. This goes to show the dedication and continued willingness of our Soldiers to serve our nation.

As part of the battalion convoy readiness plan, the company has developed a Pre-Inspection Maintenance Program. Through this program our mechanics ensure that all vehicles leaving the base are at 100% readiness to meet the harsh environment Iraq has to offer. We will soon embrace some late deploying Soldiers into the Bulldog family. As they arrive, we will make sure that they are well prepared and give them all the tools they need to be successful as part of the Bulldog team.

In closing, I would like to mention that this month some of our Soldiers will be taking their well-deserved break using the Environmental Morale Leave, the Fighter Morale Pass Program, and the Freedom Rest program.

As always, thank you for your continued support to the Bulldog Family. Take care and God Bless!

-CPT George Typhair and 1SG Edward Malinoski



**The Maintenance facilities in the Motorpool area**

**“As a combined force, there is no job too difficult for us to accomplish”**



**Bulldog Soldiers keeping their skills razor sharp at the range**

## B Co Congratulates:

- The five B Company Soldiers who re-enlisted this past month



**1SG and the orderly room crew**

## Charlie Company—Cobra Medics

Dear Cobra Family,

The 1SG and I personally send greetings to each and one of you for your continual support of our Soldiers and your loved one. I hope all is well back at Fort Drum. The season has begun to change here at Camp Liberty, Iraq, as the temperature starts to get cooler, especially at night. During the day the temperature is dropping into the low 100's and to the mid 70's at night. To some this might sound weird, but given the fact that a month ago, the average temperature in Kuwait was about 120F, the change to the lower 100s is a welcome change to us. As the season changes, the days are passing by as we get set into are second month of our deployment.

We have very much set into a routine as we take care of the Troop Medical Clinic (TMC), and the Soldiers coming through for medical services. The Brigade Medical Supply Office (BMSO) is in full operations and we started our mission of supplying the brigade with medical supplies and our ambulance platoon continues to train and perform maintenance on our track ambulance vehicles. In addition, the ambulance platoon headed by 2LT Lyons and SFC Revels trained their Soldiers on vehicle extraction of injured Soldiers.

The next big event that we are preparing to handle is the ratification of

the Iraqi constitution. Early last year the Iraqi people voted for a new parliament to shape the new constitution. Now the constitution is completed and the Iraqi people are getting ready to vote on the constitution itself. The implications of this historical event are enormous. If the constitution passes Iraq will have a new constitution and will be one step closer to a permanent government. Hopefully the Iraqi people will continue to move forward and move along the process which in the end will benefit everyone.

Charlie Company's role during the election is medical support and standby for emergency evacuation. As always we hope for the best and prepare for the worst. On a brighter note, I have some great news to tell about our Soldiers. There have been 6 promotions and one re-enlistment. Congratulations goes out to all the Soldiers for their well deserved promotions, and to Sergeant Kiser for his continual service in the United States Army.

As the months continue to roll on and Charlie Company continues to make history, I hope this letter finds everyone well back at home. The letters that you all send to your Soldiers over here really do boost the morale and for that I thank you.

-CPT Argueta and the Soldiers from Charlie Company.



**SFC Revels and SPC Gonzales get ready to do M113 driver's training**

**"The change to the lower 100s is a welcome change to us"**



**SGT Schwinn's promotion ceremony**

### C Co Congratulates:

- SPC Schwinn for his promotion to Sergeant
- PFC Fulton, PFC Gonzalez, PFC Tenielu, and PFC Page for their promotion to Specialist
- PV2 Munoz for her promotion to Private First Class
- SGT Kiser on his re-enlistment, which took place in the company command post

## 152nd Maintenance Company—Chamberlains

Dear Sherpa “Extended Family”- What an incredibly diverse world we in the military serve in. If you all at home station could see the melting pot of uniforms that make up our operations here at Camp Liberty, I think you would be substantially impressed! One look around the Dining Facility reveals warriors from the Active Army, Army National Guard, Air Force, Navy, various NATO service members and the great network of KBR support staff. The traditional lines between services have certainly been blurred, and our work here is a true collaborative effort.

The 152d is now entering its ninth month of mobilization and deployment, and are in the heart of our steady state operations. We have a majority of our unit dedicated to various Force Protection requirements on Camp Liberty, which is a valid and meaningful mission that we have wrapped our arms around and placed an incredible amount of importance on. Because of our efforts in this area, Camp Liberty is a reasonably safe and secure place for the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Warriors to conduct their wartime missions.

Having said that, the 152 is a General Support Maintenance Company who has a rich tradition in maintenance excellence, and we are getting the opportunity to provide area maintenance support in addition to our Force Protection missions. We have begun to work closely with the 10<sup>th</sup> BSB in a combined effort to set new standards of maintenance excellence for this theatre of operations, and our soldiers are excited to do the work that many have trained for over 30 years to perform. The last 6 months of our tour should prove to be very rewarding.

I hope that all of you at home are enjoying the fall season, as winter's clutches will be upon you before you know it. Please make sure that you wood burners out there are using appropriate Personal Protective Equipment while using the chain saws and wood splitters, and use appropriate lifting techniques so to minimize the possibility for personal injuries. Take care, and thanks for your continued support.

-CPT Christopher Moody  
“Always Professional”



**152's Combat Action Badge awardees**

**“With the work ethic and pride already inherent to the 152, our attachment to them appears to be a good match”**



**University of Maine, Iowa and Washington, plus “Git R Done” hats**

## 152 Congratulates:

- September's NCO of the Month, SGT Whitmore
- September's Soldier of the Month, SPC Bottem

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## The Liquids Platoon

This platoon is one of the first units in the Army to be fielded with the new TWPS (Tactical Water Purification System). Since there is not a large water mission in Baghdad at the moment, the "waterdogs" have cross trained with the fuelers and learned about working all the fuel systems, increasing their overall knowledge of logistical support. Liquids Platoon Soldiers and assets were on the first three combat logistical convoys for the BSB. They successfully provided 6,000 gallons of water and over 5,000 gallons of fuel to FOBs Justice, Independence, and Constitution.

Adapting to life in a combat zone has been easier for the younger Soldiers due to the many combat veterans in the platoon from both Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi Freedom I. Combat fatigue right now is not an issue, but there is a long year ahead for the Soldiers of the Liquids Platoon. A strong bond has already developed between Soldiers and leaders in the unit.



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This trust is what will help them make it through the upcoming deployment. They work hard day in and day out to keep the 1<sup>st</sup> BCT rolling and are always "Proud to Support."



**Liquids Soldiers preparing for a convoy**



**CPL Hodges and SPC Tuper are shown refueling an Iraqi truck at FOB Constitution**

**In the next issue of The Sherpa Sentinel:**

- A profile of the Maintenance Platoon in Bravo Company